

App. No. 10/767,231
Amendment Dated: May 29, 2007
Reply to Office Action of January 29, 2007

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Office Action mailed January 29, 2007 has been received and the Examiner's comments carefully reviewed. Claims 1, 10, 11, 17, 18, and 24 were rejected. Claims 2-9, 12-16 and 19-23 have been objected to. Claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 7, 11 and 18 have been amended. Claims 2, 5, 15 and 21 have been canceled. For at least the following reasons, Applicants respectfully submit that the pending claims are in condition for allowance.

Claim Rejections

Claims 11-17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 as not being limited to tangible embodiments, in view of applicant's disclosure. In response, Claim 11 has been amended to include the term "computer-readable storage medium." The Applicants respectfully request the rejection be withdrawn.

Claim Objections

Claims 2-9, 12-16 and 19-23 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In response, the Applicants have amended Independent claim 1 to include the limitations of Claim 2 and 5, claim 11 to include the limitations of claim 15, and claim 18 to include the limitation of claim 21. As such, the Applicants submit that all the pending claims are allowable as presented.

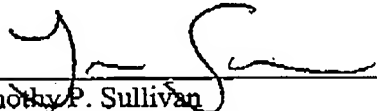
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Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, all pending claims are believed to be allowable and the application is in condition for allowance. Therefore, a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner have any further issues regarding this application, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney for the applicant at the telephone number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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